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For : Thioxazinoquinolones As Antiviral Agents

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003 (hereinafter Office Action), applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-17 are pending in the application. All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) over Haughan et al (US 5,792,774).

The Examiner states that Haughan et al teach a genus of quinolones compounds which are useful for treating viral infections. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position. The '774 discloses that the quinolones may be used to treat animal viral infections, such as FIV. The '774 did not disclose these compounds could be used for treating herpesviral infections in human. It is know to one skilled in the art that each viral infection has its unique target. There is no reasonable believe that using the compound of '774 would produce activities against herpesviruses. .

The Examiner further states that there is nothing unobvious in choosing a species from a prior art genus, motivation being that said species would be expected to possess the same or similar properties as their exemplified counterparts, absent some unobvious or unexpected results. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position. Applicant submits that the unexpected result is demonstrated in the present invention. For example, the compound of example 1 of the present invention possesses 0.06 IC₅₀ (μ M) against HCMV polymerase. Whereas the compound of example 1 in the US Pat. No. 6,340,680 possesses only 0.48 IC₅₀ (μ M) against HCMV polymerase (see column 8, lines 40-45 in the '680 patent). Both compounds have the same core quinoline structure except at the 7 position. Both are under the genus of the '774 patent. However, a change from Oxygen to Sulfur at the 7 position of the quinoline core structure shows 10 times better activity in the present invention. Applicant submits that the unexpected result is clear and convincing.

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